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1. (C) Summary: Indonesian National Police (Polri) spokesman on August 19 publicly confirmed the identity of ten suspects arrested in connection with the attack on the J.W. Marriott attack on August 5. Six of the ten had been arrested before the attack, and the remaining four after. At least four suspects, including the alleged masterminds of the attack, continue to elude capture. With the arrest of Hambali, the subjects of the Marriott attack and the broader issue of previous acts of Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) terrorism are now closely linked in Indonesian public opinion.

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End Summary.

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Some bad guys already behind bars . . .

2. (U) Consistent with last week's media reports, Indonesian police August 19 publicly identified ten suspects arrested in connection with the J.W. Marriott hotel bombing of August 5 that killed 12 and wounded another 150. Head of the Criminal Investigations Division, Erwin Mapasseng, said six of the suspects were already in custody at the time of the bombing, while the other four were arrested afterwards. Mapasseng told the press that police did not have sufficient evidence to say conclusively that Asmar Latin Sani, the driver of the vehicle who died in the blast, was actually a suicide bomber. (See comment)

3. (U) The six suspects arrested before the Marriott bombing are Muhammad Rais on April 26; Datuk Rajo Amei arrested April 29; Toni Togar and Sardona Siliwangi, both arrested June 11 in Medan; and Idris alias Gembrot and Purwadi, both arrested June 12. Mapasseng said that those six had confessed to various roles in planning and financing the attack.

. . . other new arrivals

4. (SBU) Since the bombing, police said publicly that they have captured Suprapto, a Caltex oil employee responsible for moving explosives, and Heru Sutiyanto both on August 9, Solihin on August 10, and Malikul on August 12, all in Pekanbaru, Riau province. They are suspected of transporting the explosives used in the blast.

5. (U) Indonesian Police are still searching for other key suspects, including the suspected masterminds. They are Tohir, who was tasked with Asmar to execute the attack; JI bomb experts Dr Azahari bin Husin, Dulmatin, and Nurdin Muhammad Top; and another operative Zulkarnaen.

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Hambali connection
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8. (U) In his comments to the press, Mapasseng also said that Hambali, arrested last week in Central Thailand, sent $45,000 in July from Thailand to Indonesia possibly to fund the Marriott attack.

Press Clamor About Hambali
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9. (SBU) Over the Indonesian Independence Day holiday

weekend, Political and Security Coordinating Minister Bambang Yudhoyono, Foreign Minister Hassan Wirajuda, and Police Chief Da'i Bachtiar all welcomed Hambali's capture in public comments. Yudhoyono and Wirajuda focused on the importance of neutralizing future terrorists plots that Hambali may have been planning and down played talk of his immediate rendition to Indonesia. Bachtiar initially spoke of sending a team to interrogate Hambali, but has since qualified that to gaining access to his information. Bachtiar and Wirajuda, in hoping that Hambali be extradited, admitted that the process could take a long time.

10. (SBU) The Indonesia media - as expected - tackled the Hambali story from a wide variety of perspectives. Most reputable media outlets focused on the particulars of his arrest and details of his whereabouts over the past months. There was also editorializing of quotations from political figures calling for Hambali to be extradited in Indonesia. Some Islamic-oriented papers such as "Rakyat Merdeka" linked the arrest to the alleged U.S. plot to slander Islam. "Rakyat Merdeka" went on to claim that Hambali would be brainwashed by his American captors.

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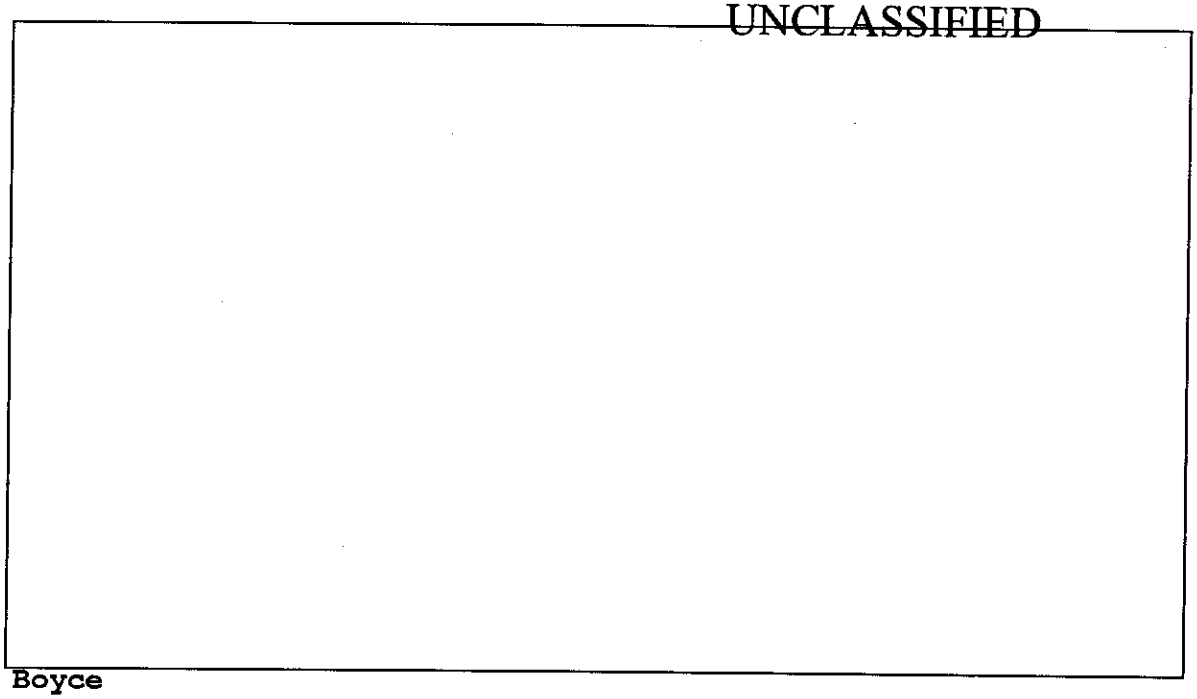

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